

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you today in regards to MB docket No. 04-233. My concern is that radio stations such as K-LOVE Christian radio station will be forced off the air by the new LPFM radio stations.

I want to express the importance of radio stations such as K-LOVE to the local community. Not only does K-LOVE reach out in a positive way to many people who may be going through a rough time in their lives, but they also serve the communities' non-profit organizations by providing free advertisements for events that would otherwise go unnoticed due to the lack of advertisement funds. The "chain-reaction" that such advertising creates has such a positive impact on each and every community that this radio station and other FM stations like it serve.

I can tell you that if K-LOVE were to be replaced in my community by an LPFM broadcaster airing a different kind of music and charging Lord only knows what for advertisement, there would be many very unhappy people (myself included).

Another very important way that radio stations like K-LOVE help me in specifically is in teaching others how to be a witness for Jesus Christ in a very "non-invasive" way. You see, I am studying to be a youth pastor (for teens). Teenagers in particular have a hard time letting their friends and others know that they are Christians, much less telling others about Christ and how being a Christian has impacted their lives. K-LOVE helps them do just that and they don't even have to say a word. See, I believe in living and leading by example, so I tell the teenagers that I work with that one way they can be a witness to others is to listen to Christian radio stations like K-LOVE. When their friends see that they listen to positive and encouraging radio which happens to constantly play songs about Christ and talk about being a Christian, that can lead to a conversation on how to become a Christian, and that is how they can help lead others to the Lord! I let the teens know that the idea of witnessing is not a "get in your face" effort like they always seem to believe. Live and lead by example! It's the best and easiest way to let the people around you know what you believe in and who you are.

So you see if you allow LPFM stations have precedence over FM stations it could force K-LOVE and stations like it off the air. These stations are crucial to communities locally and nation wide for more reasons than I can even think of. I'm sure there are stories upon stories from individuals of how K-LOVE has positively affected their lives. Please don't allow such positive influences like these radio stations be forced to stop adding to those wonderful stories. Thank you for your time.

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